

BIOGRAPHY OF FIRST SELECTMAN TIMOTHY M. HERBST

On November 3, 2009, Timothy M. Herbst was elected First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull. At the age of 29, Mr. Herbst became the youngest elected First Selectman in the history of Trumbull's government.

First Selectman Herbst believes the strength of a community rests upon three pillars - strong finances, strong schools and a strong quality of life. Since taking office three years ago, First Selectman Herbst has made as his highest priority strengthening these three pillars. When First Selectman Herbst took office, Trumbull was facing a large budget deficit. In his first 100 days in office, First Selectman Herbst followed through on his pledge to identify \$1 million dollars of operational savings in his first 100 days. Through sound financial planning and management, the Herbst administration was able to turn a budget deficit into a surplus, while stabilizing property taxes. Last year, for the first time since 1983, Trumbull residents saw an average residential property tax decrease of 3.5%. First Selectman Herbst also promised to address the Town's beleaguered pension fund and has delivered on his pledge. For the first time in a generation, the Town has reached the adequate levels of proper annual pension funding and has negotiated multiple employee labor agreements that have reduced the number of Town employees that are pension eligible. As a result of this strong financial management, Fitch, Moody's and S&P have lauded the Town's financial position.

The son of teachers and a product of the Trumbull Public Schools, Trumbull's education system has thrived under the leadership of First Selectman Herbst. In 2011, Trumbull was ranked as the 7th best Town in the nation to raise a family, with the Trumbull Public School System earning a 9 out of 10 for educational excellence. First Selectman Herbst has been a consistent champion of comprehensive early childhood intervention. As promised in 2009, full day kindergarten has been added to the Trumbull Public Schools curriculum. With the addition of this important early childhood initiative, Trumbull now has one of the strongest early childhood education models in the State of Connecticut. Trumbull students are consistently outperforming students in other Fairfield County communities that are spending more per pupil, and despite tough economic times, the Town of Trumbull has avoided teacher layoffs, maintained low class size, improved classroom technology and made necessary capital improvements to school facilities.

In maintaining a strong quality of life for all Trumbull residents, First Selectman Herbst believes a sound public safety strategy and robust economic development policy are the keys to success. In the wake of unparalleled weather related emergencies, First Selectman Herbst has placed a core emphasis on reorganizing the Town's emergency management systems to improve efficiency and better protect the residents of Trumbull. The Herbst administration has consistently increased funding to the Trumbull Police Department and enacted reforms to our Emergency Medical Service, to better protect the people of Trumbull. First Selectman Herbst has also recognized that a strong

community recognizes its most cherished segment of the population. Last year, the Town Council adopted the plan submitted by the Herbst administration to double senior citizen tax relief.

In the area of economic development, despite a bad economy, Trumbull continues to see positive growth in its Grand List. This past year, Trumbull saw 68 development projects underway. Last year, the Herbst administration proposed a business tax incentive plan that was adopted by the Trumbull Town Council and signed into law. Already, this new program is placing Trumbull on the map as a business friendly environment and sparking interest throughout the tri-state area. In the next few months, the Town of Trumbull will break ground on a new medical development that will serve as a first of its kind, state of the art cancer treatment center in Connecticut. This spring the Town of Trumbull will also welcome a new shopping center on Route 111 and see Phase 2 of the Trumbull Center Revitalization completed, with three new restaurants coming to Trumbull this year alone. A strong infrastructure also supports a robust economic development policy. Under the Herbst administration, the Town of Trumbull has seen the most expansive road repaving program in the last fifty years.

A lifelong Trumbull resident, First Selectman Herbst graduated from Trumbull High School in 1998, where he played football and served as Class President. Thereafter, he graduated with honors from Trinity College in 2002, earning a B.A. in political science. While in college, First Selectman Herbst interned for Deputy House Minority Leader Themis Klarides and was also elected president of the student body. At the age of 19, Mr. Herbst was elected to the Planning and Zoning Commission, where he served for 11 years, including 4 years as Chairman. His election to public office at the age of 19 was featured in the New York Times in July of 2001.

A 2007 graduate of Pace University School of Law, where he was a member of the Pace Environmental Law Review, Mr. Herbst previously practiced law with the Trumbull law firm of Owens, Schine and Nicola before his election as First Selectman. Mr. Herbst is a member of the Trinity Club of Fairfield County and the Pace Law School Alumni Board of Directors.